

BIG COTTON FACTORIES

Reorganization of the Southern Textile Company to be Tried on Working Basis.

CAPITAL STOCK \$20,000,000

Plan to Cut This Down to \$500,000 and Make Arrangements to Start the Mills in the Near Future.

New York, Aug. 31.—Leading interests in the Southern Textile Company, a proposed \$20,000,000 textile combination, are discussing, says the Journal of Commerce, looking toward the reorganization of the company. Nothing definite has yet been determined on but the fact that the concern which is now in the hands of receivers, has comparatively few creditors who will no doubt facilitate any plan to reorganize the company. All the stock in the enterprise, which originally intended to take over something like 40 concerns, was taken by parties personally interested. It succeeded in acquiring only four textile mills, all of which have been shut down excepting one, which will be kept running by the receivers.

It is reported that, under the reorganization plan the authorized capital stock will be scaled down from \$20,000,000 to \$500,000. Persons who are in a position to know say that it will take several weeks before anything approaching a definite statement regarding the company's future can be made public. No move has yet been made to have the receivers discharged, but in case a reorganization plan is agreed upon the receivers will be discharged by consent. Ancillary receivers have been appointed in these states:

North Carolina, W. S. Whaley, James Holt; South Carolina, Walter M. Dunlap; Alabama and Missouri, W. G. Whaley. The receivers have qualified in all the states and have taken possession of the property.

Charge Is Serious One.

Corvallis, Ore., Aug. 31.—Deputy Prosecuting Attorney E. R. Bryson has been for several days quietly securing evidence implicating several young men of this city in a charge of criminal assault upon Marietta Lewis, the 13-year-old daughter of Plutarch Lewis. This is the young girl who dressed in boy's clothes and ran away from home two weeks ago, and was captured at Albany. Since her return she has made some serious charges against young men whose names are not yet made public.

SUSPICIONED OF MURDER.

Dolber Will Case Stir Up Hints of a Dark Crime.

San Francisco, Aug. 31.—The expected has happened in the Dolber will case. Something livelier than a legal wrangle with wordy blows given and taken in tight good earnest transpired when opposing attorneys locked horns in Judge Coffey's arena. The combat came when Attorney Albert Johnson was wiping his perspiring brow after he had gained the point fought for—an order from the court to take the deposition of Miss Etta Mary Warren, before the famous case, involving the greater part of \$2,000,000, shall proceed to trial.

Ugly and appalling are the accusations which during the month past have gathered like black clouds over the head of Miss Warren. Whether these clouds will vanish or descend to her defeat is a matter of widespread conjecture. Following the calling of the case in the superior court, Attorney Johnson made an eloquent and forcible address for his clients, praying that the case be not set for trial and asking that the court demand Miss Warren's deposition. During his address Johnson denounced the opposing attorneys at "the representatives of Miss Warren," declaring that they dared not take the stand and make oath to the contrary.

"And that girl, that poor, weak, sick young woman," declared the attorney by way of preface to the onslaught which furnished the day's sensation, "who is supposed to be too ill to appear in court or to be questioned is, if the truth be known, just as able to come into this court and testify as are those two gentlemen who here represent her interests under the guise of attorneys for the proponents. Why do they take such pains to see that her face never goes past the threshold of her own home? Why do they declare that they can go on with this case without deposition and the presence of Etta Mary Warren? Because, your honor, they fear that should she be

subjected to scrutiny, the questioning and honest examination of this court, she might give up that which would prove what suspicion has long since presumed—that she had more to do with the will and death of Miss Dolber than is now known. If the whole truth were known, it would call forth a tale that would shock humanity and smell to high heaven."

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